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PERSIA.

Report from Teheran—Plague on a vessel at Bushire from Bender-Abbas—Quarantine to be enforced.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of May 27:

The minister at Teheran reports, under date of April 30:

The Persian ministry of foreign affairs states that on April 26 a vessel (probably Arabian) from Bender-Abbas, on the Persian Gulf, arrived at Bushire, having had 9 deaths on board from plague, and with 1 person suffering from the same disease, who subsequently died.

In consequence of this the stipulation of the convention of Paris in regard to quarantine will be strictly observed, and all vessels coming from Bender-Abbas will be subjected to quarantine for five days.

PERU.

Report from Callao—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Status of plague in Peru—Plague in Chilean ports.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Gutierrez reports, April 26:

Week ended April 24. Three steamships were fumigated. They carried an aggregate personnel of 213 members of crew and 119 cabin and 75 steerage passengers.

The following is the latest report on plague in Peru received from the Director de Salubridad Pública:

Locality.	Cases Apr. 9.	New.	Recov- ered.	Died.	Remain- ing Apr. 15.
Department of Lima.....	19	10	6	6	17
Department of Callao.....	4	2	1	1	4
Department of Libertad.....	28	4	4	2	24
Department of Arequipa.....	1	1	0	0	2
Department of Lambayeque.....	5	26	2	2	27
Department of Cajamarca.....	20	7	5	4	18

No new cases of plague have occurred at Callao.

Bills of health report plague in Chile as follows: Antofagasta, April 17, 9 cases isolated in the lazaretto; Iquique, April 18, 22 cases in the lazaretto, and 7 cases with 1 death during the last two weeks.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—Smallpox—Vaccination—Status of cholera in the provinces—Outbreak of cholera at Taytay—Inspection of vessels.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 19:

Week ended April 17. Nine cases of smallpox with 2 deaths were reported for the city of Manila.

For the week the following cases and deaths from cholera were reported from the provinces of the Philippines:

Province.	Cases.	Deaths.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bohol.....	9	4	Rizal.....	1	1
Misamis.....	26	13	Cebu.....	2	1
Capiz.....	10	9	Sorsogon.....	1	4
Isabela.....	10	10			
Iloilo.....	1	1	Total.....	133	90
Negros Occidental.....	73	47			

Cholera.—Cholera made its appearance in the town of Taytay about 10 days ago, a total of 9 cases occurring, but no further cases have been reported for more than 5 days. Considerable interest attached to this small outbreak because a large commission composed of members of the bureau of health, the bureau of science, and the Philippine Medical School, being in all more than 15 medical men, were at work in that municipality making a study of the incidence of hookworm and a general sanitary survey of the conditions that exist in a native town of the Philippines. In addition to its other duties, this commission had special instructions to exercise vigilance with regard to any cases of cholera that might occur. From the foregoing it will be seen that the investigation of first cases could be carried out under the most favorable auspices, but that, in spite of this fact, no light could be thrown upon the origin of the first case. The case in question occurred in an old man, about 60 years of age, who had not been outside of Taytay for a number of weeks previous, and, so far as could be ascertained, the food which he ate was mostly obtained in Taytay itself and was common to the majority of the inhabitants. So far as known, there have been no other cases of cholera nearer Taytay than 50 miles. The remaining 8 cases could be more or less satisfactorily traced to the first case. An extensive examination is now being made for possible spirilli carriers, so far without success.

The number of cases in the remaining provinces of the Philippines remains about the same, the disease slowly spreading from town to town.

Smallpox.—It may perhaps be interesting to note that during the past 2 weeks there have been 36 cases of smallpox in Manila, of which 34 were of the varioloid form and occurred in persons who had not been previously vaccinated. No deaths resulted. The two remaining cases were unvaccinated Americans, both of whom died. This produced considerable excitement in Manila, and thousands of persons are flocking to the different health stations in order to be vaccinated. The service has been cooperating actively in this work, no less than 160 persons being vaccinated by the office force on duty in the office of the chief quarantine officer.

During the week consular bills of health were issued at the port of Manila as follows:

April 13, the British steamship *Changsha*, with 72 members of crew and 9 passengers, en route from Hongkong to Zamboanga, was granted a supplemental bill of health. April 15, the United States Army transport *Logan*, with 195 in the crew and with 713 passengers, was granted a bill of health for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu. The crew and passengers were bathed and their effects

and baggage disinfected. The cargo and baggage was disinfected or passed after inspection. The vessel was only partially disinfected. All persons on board were inspected at the hour of sailing. April 15, the British steamship *Ning Chow*, with 93 in the crew, en route from London to Seattle and Tacoma, was granted a supplemental bill of health after inspection of cargo and personnel. April 16, the British steamship *Indrasamha*, with 64 in the crew, en route from Kobe to New York, was granted a supplemental bill of health after the usual supervision and inspection of cargo. April 17, the British steamship *Shimosa*, with 57 in the crew, en route from New York to Iloilo, was granted a supplemental bill of health.

RUSSIA.

Report from Libau—Status of cholera at St. Petersburg—Typhus fever in Russian cities—Examination of emigrants.

Acting Assistant Surgeon De Forest reports, May 14:

Cholera.—Fifteen cases of cholera, with 7 deaths, occurred at St. Petersburg from May 7 to 14, inclusive.

Typhus fever.—From 2 to 4 cases of typhus fever occur at St. Petersburg daily.

During the week ended May 9 there occurred 5 new cases of typhus fever in Libau. The disease is reported to be present in nearly every large city in Russia. Reports of its presence in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Kiew, and Wilna are received.

One thousand four hundred and thirty-six emigrants for steamship *Russia*, which leaves Libau May 18 for New York, have been examined. Of the number examined about 1,100 will sail on the date named.

SALVADOR.

Report from San Salvador—Decrease of smallpox—Vaccination.

Consul-General Frazier reports, April 27:

There has been a gradual abatement of smallpox in Salvador. The superior board of health of San Salvador reports, under this date: San Salvador, no cases; Santa Ana, 7 convalescent cases; Santiago de la Frontera, 12 patients, no new cases; Ahuachapan, 5 convalescent cases; Canton San Geronimo, department of Metapan, in the recently established hospital, 7 patients. Two deaths occurred before the opening of the hospital.

This statement represents the present status of the disease. Practically the entire population has been vaccinated.

(See Public Health Reports, March 5, 1909, p. 285.)

VENEZUELA.

Report from Caracas—Plague—Plague rats—Service representative appointed for duty in consulate.

The following is received from the Department of State, under date of May 24:

The American minister, in a telegram dated May 24, reports: "A case of bubonic plague developed at Caracas. Government active."